



Colorado Federation of Republican Women **TUSK TALK**



1ST AND 2ND QTR - 2020

BRENDA BRIGHT—PRESIDENT



“United we stand...”

Thank you “Ladies of the Club” for bestowing on me the very distinct honor of electing me as your State President.

As we go forward into 2020, please remember that the word of the year will be “Unity”! We must come together as united, conservative, Republican women.

In a year where we face elections that are imperative for conservatives to win, we will enhance our ability to triumph by being a unified voice standing for our Republican ideals and values. We may not agree on all things, but we do all believe in the sanctity of life from conception, we believe in personal responsibility, we believe in smaller government, less taxes and the proper role of government in our lives and we believe in our Constitution as written.

It is up to us to come together as a united front to protect the freedoms we stand for by volunteering where, and as we can during this election year. When we, as members of CFRW, come together with a collective voice to save those freedoms, our single quiet voice becomes a roar that cannot be unheard, it even becomes a bellow that resonates all the way to Washington, DC, as it merges with the voices of our NFRW sister clubs in every state.

In order to work in unison, it is our duty and responsibility to make sure that each and every member of CFRW knows and understands the objectives and obligations and tasks required of members of CFRW – from the Executive Board to each and every member of every local club. Our District Directors are a vital link in the communication to and from the clubs. They act as the liaison, from the clubs and their members, back up the chain of communication and command. CFRW does indeed care about *every* member and treasures their association with the largest political women’s group in the state and nation. We are here to serve you!

If you do not know me personally, please take the time to come up to me and introduce yourself. It can be the start of a great, new





**MARILYN HARRIS
SELECTED
FOR AN NFRW OFFICE**

Colorado Federation of Republican Women's Past President Marilyn Harris has been selected by the National Federation of Republican Women's newly elected president Ann Salpeter Schockett to hold the prestigious position of State President Coordinator for the national organization.

President Harris will work with presidents from all the states to coordinator to increase the effectiveness and relevance of women in government and to promote American values.

Marilyn was selected for this position because of her enthusiasm, outstanding leadership, exceptional organization skills and her ethics.

When informed of the appointment, she responded, "It is such an honor to be selected to represent the great state of Colorado on the national level and to be able to make a difference in the future of our county."

***CONGRATULATIONS, MARILYN!
WE KNOW YOU WILL DO AN OUTSTANDING JOB!***

CHAPLAIN - COMMITTEE REPORT

BEVERLY SHOEMAKER

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Preface – I hope I am speaking for the ladies in attendance at our Sunday morning chapel service at our Board of Director’s Meeting. What a POWERFUL MESSAGE we received from our new Chaplain, Beverly Shoemaker. The message was clear that we need to work hard to win the victory! We cannot rest on our laurels! Wish we had space to include all the scriptures written out, so I hope you will look them up and read them and see we have our marching orders. Julia Lindahl

God has given us (women) wisdom. It is time for us to take a stand. The task we face will not be easy. We must be strong and courageous. We must rely on God to fight the battles we face. Remind yourself of God’s words day and night. Act now on what God has said and trust our success in him carrying out our purpose in this fight for our state and our nation. We can’t sit down and allow them to win. Like David, we must face our Goliath with strong faith and believe we will win the battle! David had been in preparation for many years for the battles that he would face. He had no doubt he could take down Goliath. If you aren’t willing to fight the war, you don’t believe in the victory! The Lord wants to give us great victories. David had his mightiest warriors surrounding him. Find your warriors! God used women in mighty ways to save his people. Deborah and Esther are two examples of women willing to risk their lives and fight the battle before them. We have been called to this time! If we don’t speak up and fight our children and grandchildren will suffer the cost! We must believe in our victory and be willing to fight this war right in front of us. Determine what your gifts are and find a place where they can be used mightily in this fight.

(Wisdom which held high value for the Hebrew people was personified as she)

Proverbs 1:20 Wisdom shouts in the streets. SHE cries out in the public square

Proverbs 8:1 Listen as wisdom calls out! Hear as understanding raises her voice! On the hilltop along the road, SHE takes HER stand at the crossroads!

Joshua 2,3 5-8 ** 1 Samuel 17:16,32-46 ** 2 Samuel 23:8-12

Esther 4:14

14 If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?”

Ezekiel 33:2-9

1Once again a message came to me from the LORD: 2“Son of man, give your people this message: ‘When I bring an army against a country, the people of that land choose one of their own to be a watchman. 3When the watchman sees the enemy coming, he sounds the alarm to warn the people. 4Then if those who hear the alarm refuse to take action, it is their own fault if they die. 5They heard the alarm but ignored it, so the responsibility is theirs. If they had listened to the warning, they could have saved their lives. 6But if the watchman sees the enemy coming and doesn’t sound the alarm to warn the people, he is responsible for their captivity. They will die in their sins, but I will hold the watchman responsible for their deaths.’

CHAFFEE COUNTY RW

Erin Godonis, President

Chaffee County Republican Women have not been able to meet in person for months, which is true for all of the Republican women clubs in Colorado; however, we have been diligent in seeking the 2020 recipients of our college scholarships. We award them every year with the revenue we collect from selling our apple pies at our local Applefest in September.

This year, our first scholarship goes to Rylie Flavin in the amount of \$1,000. The second scholarship is awarded to Lindsey Pratt in the amount of \$500. We are excited for these young conservative senior ladies as they pursue their dreams.

Due to COVID, we are not able to provide a photo of the happy event.

COLORADO SPRINGS RW

Vickie Tonkins, President

The excitement in Colorado Springs about President Trump's visit in February was terrific. I know that many of you have called the White House, written President Trump and even gone to rallies in other states. Thank you for being a part of the first rally in Colorado this year and I hope the first of others in Colorado. I am excited to be the Chair in El Paso County GOP and to be a part of something that will prove to be the catalyst to turning Colorado red again.

El Paso County GOP has a new tag line...

YOU Are the Life of the Party!

It is my hope that Caucus will be successful and bring in many new people to this great process. We have such awesome enthusiasm and I am seeing more and more new people becoming a part of Caucus as well as the political landscape in our state.

We all know the importance of helping get great Republican candidates elected so I hope you all will work to do just that. Our club is raising money to help those candidates that are the primary winners so they can run the races against the democrats having the funds they need to win.

OTERO COUNTY

REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Kerry Froese, President

The Otero County Republican Women's (OCRW) club will be hosting an online debate on Facebook for the two Republican candidates running for Colorado State House District 47. The debate will take place on Tuesday, June 2nd at 6 pm and will be live on Facebook. We hope you will have a watch party to tune in to learn more about the candidates as well as hear their responses to questions compiled from fellow Republican women and community members. You can find the OCRW Facebook page under Otero County Colorado Republican Women and we would appreciate you clicking "Like" and following our page.

OCRW hosted an educational forum open to the public on Monday, March 9th in Swink with guest speaker Debbie Chaves, Executive Director of Colorado Family Action. Ms. Chaves gave an excellent presentation about the importance of Christian values for families that are being threatened. This was the first forum of the club's educational series titled "ABC's of Voting" with the goal of educating community members about the voting process and ballot issues. The next forum will take place on Tuesday, August 11th with guest speaker (unconfirmed) Greg Lopez, Republican candidate for 2022 Governor. Monthly forums to mark on your calendar will be Tuesday, September 15th with guest speaker (unconfirmed) Mark Hillman and Tuesday, October 13th with guest speaker (unconfirmed) Mark Geist. Additional details will be posted on our Facebook page.

A couple club members participated as volunteer circulators for the Initiative 120 Due Date Too Late Petition and are currently working to help get more signatures during the "cure period."

OCRW is looking forward to monthly meetings the second Saturday of each month going forward. For more information check out our Facebook page at Otero County Colorado Republican Women.



*CFRW Board of Directors Meeting
Pueblo— February 14-16, 2020*

*Pueblo Fire Department
Color Guard*



*Live Auction
Item*



*Registration Ladies
Maripat Sparks & Timme Pearson
(also 4th Vice President)*



*Chaplain
Beverly Shoemaker*



*CFRW Presidents
Marty Neilson (2002-03)
Brenda Bright (2020-01)
Marilyn Harris (2016-19)*



*1st Vice President
Barbara Piper*



*Treasurer
Renee Nelson*



Member at Large—Awards: Marty Neilson, awarded the Judy Hughes Membership Growth Awards for 2019 to: (L-R) Pat Bohlender, President of Greeley RW (Club 50-99 Members)—168% Increase —Terri Lamers, President of Lone Cone RW (Club 49 or Less Members) —12% Increase & Evie



Spring Board of Director's Meeting
Pueblo, Colorado

Jeanie Stutts-Blucher—Colorado Springs RW
Erin Godonis—



L-R: Stephanie Garbo, Michelle Gardner, Kerry Froese, (Otero RW) Jane Meagher—Boulder RW President, and Lynette Ramirez (Otero RW)



Marla Reichert from Bell Nor Republican Women Great TRUMP Items



A few of our Centennial Club Members at the Saturday evening reception.

JUDY REYHER
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
MEMBERSHIP



REMINDER

You may only be a Regular/Full Member of ONE CFRW CLUB.

You may be an Associate Member of as many clubs as you wish.

Please make sure you only join ONE CLUB with a FULL MEMBERSHIP

Judy Reyher

2nd VP—Membership (thru 2019)

President: Ann Shockett

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National Federation of Republican Women

NFRW BENEFITS:

For just \$20.00 in annual national dues, a member receives or has access to:

A robust national website and member database management system that connects the entire Federation and provides key membership services, including administrative access and capabilities at the club level.

The NFRW's electronic communications, including the weekly and monthly newsletters and political briefings, and free or nominally priced publications like the Leader's Guide, Membership Handbook, Legislative Advocacy Manual, and outreach/recruitment materials.

The Member Center, a private online network on the NFRW web site available to members only. The Member Center includes a member directory and the Digital Resource Library, which features committee and issue-related resources and materials, general organizational publications and forms, event information, graphics, and more.

Assistance in creating new clubs, launching or updating a state or club web site, and other membership services.

Sample materials, multimedia and resources that assist states and clubs with public relations and fundraising efforts, membership recruitment, campaign and issue advocacy programs, meeting planning, literacy and armed services initiatives, leadership development, community service, and more.

Campaign Management Schools, Legislative Day at the U.S. Capitol, and other programs, workshops and seminars that offer members the opportunity to meet national Republican leaders, discuss key issues, and develop leadership and professional skills.

Networking opportunities and the ability to meet and develop relationships with women from across the country through online discussion forums and national events such as the biennial convention and annual board meetings. NFRW's national events include interactive workshops, exciting speakers, and informative programs and discussions.

Representation in Washington, D.C., including the services of a professional staff and maintenance of NFRW headquarters – located in Alexandria, Virginia, a few miles from Capitol Hill.

**JOAN GRIEP
THIRD VICE PRESIDENT
DISTRICT DIRECTORS**

BYLAW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CFRW District I

Date: August 8, 2020

Host Club: Denver RW

District Director: Sue Johnson

CFRW District II

Date: August 29, 2020

Host Club: Summit County RW

District Director: Olivia McCaffery

CFRW District III North

Date: October 3, 2020

Host Club: NW Colorado RW Craig

District Director: Alice Bumgarner

CFRW District III SE

Date: August 15, 2020 (Virtual)

Host Club: TBD

District Director: Sandra Wagner

CFRW District III SW

Date: Postponed

Host Club: Southwest RW

District Director: Terri Olinger

CFRW District IV North

Date: Postponed

Host Club: Longmont RW

District Director: Pat Bohlender

CFRW District IV South

Date: TBD

Host Club: TBD

District Director: Priscilla Fraser

CFRW District V

Date: Postponed

Host Club: Chafee County RW

District Director: Judith Jergensen

CFRW District VI

Date: Postponed

**Host Club: Cherry Creek, Douglas &
Elbert County RW**

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LADIES...
HOST OUR CFRW
FALL CONVENTION!

Please consider hosting our CFRW Fall Convention either as a District undertaking, or as a club project. It is a wonderful opportunity to get out and about in your community, getting to know the people who really do want to donate time, space and effort to help you have a wonderful event! It is also a way to showcase your community to your fellow sister members!

Look over the bid request list and discover just how easy it can be. Then decide to provide a great event for us all! You'll be glad you did!

COLORADO FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMAN

BOD & Convention Bid Requests

Information necessary for consideration of a formal bid:

- **The Club, District or Committee that will be hosting the event**
- **A date consistent with the Bylaws (BOD meeting – 1st Quarter)**
- **Location with information to include cost of lodging, food, room rental & any extra costs that could be imposed by the facility, to include: linens, tables, meeting rooms, parking, etc**
- **Suggested menus for meals with cost to include tax & service charge**
- **Info/photos of sleeping rooms, meeting rooms**
- **Contact name, address, phone & email for location to be considered**
- **Costs and guarantees regarding number of attendees**
- **The ratio of attendees to complimentary meeting/sleeping rooms**
- **The percent charged for the gratuity and the taxes that are required**

We need to be a conservative as possible. With a complete bid we can make good decisions.

Cost for internet connection, AV equipment, microphones, etc.

Is there flexibility on the room rates or food prices?

Do we have a room charge for set up or cleanup for rooms used?

Are table cloths, napkins, centerpieces included?

How much parking is available & is it complimentary for hotel guests and attendees?

Handicap accessibility & elevators

Thank you for your cooperation. We want to have excellent meetings and with this necessary information we should be able to make informed decisions.



CFRW Small Donor Committee

Please consider making a donation so that CFRW can build its coffers to help support candidates in the 2020 election. An individual may donate up to \$50 per calendar year.

THANK YOU for donations in 2019:

**Diana Coram * Kerry Froese * Joan Griep * Marilyn Harris
Julia Lindahl * Vicki Pearson * Rose Pugliese * Angel Saunders
Sharon Sollenbarger * Patricia Springer**

Julia Lindahl—Chairman—jalerp@aol.com

CFRW Small Donor Committee

Name _____

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Phone _____ Email _____

If \$50—Please include Employer _____

And Occupation _____

Mail to: Julia Lindahl—Small Donor Committee

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HANDBOOK CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS

CARLA ALLEY, HANDBOOK CHAIRMAN

Please make the following corrections to your handbooks:

CFRW Elected Officers

Judy K. Reyher - add her address 22320 County Road 23 LaJunta CO 81050-9770

Members At Large

Awards should be Marty Neilson 303-775-8804 Marty5539@gmail.com

CFRW Appointed Officers

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2019-2020 District Directors

District IV North director Pat Bohlender, telephone number should be 719-469-3198

GREELEY and Surrounding Area REPUBLICAN WOMEN



Our Executive Board from left to right, back row: Janet Sloan – 2nd VP; Lynette Kilpatrick – Treasurer; Tonya Van Beber – Secretary; front row: Carol O'Dey – 3rd VP; Pat Bohlender – President; Jean Daviet- 1st VP

Jack Phillips with Masterpiece Cakes made the cake! Membership including Assoc: 118

We have been very active and busy!! Starting off 2020 with carrying the petition to ban late term abortion after the 22nd week and doing Voter Registrations. Since January 15th we have collected over 1,000 signatures on the petition and turned in 42 voter registrations. The petition ends March 1st and then our only focus is Voter Registration.

Our Library has over 100 books for members to check out!

August 03, 2019 we hosted the District IV meeting and had excellent turn out with all chapters in our District being represented.

September: we had speakers on the Electoral College, Prop CC and redistricting and how it will affect Colorado.

October: we had a Candidate Forum with our local election of City Council, Mayor and School Board.

November: Pastor Steven Grant gave insight taken from his newest book: Fixing Immigration.

December: A great time was had by all at our annual Christmas Social and gift exchange game style!!

BOULDER REPUBLICAN WOMEN

JANE MEAGHER—President

November 19th - Rob Natelson, a Constitutional scholar, spoke about impeachment and the law during lunch at the Boulder Cork. Impeachment is an accusation and a judicial proceeding. Rob was very informative and pertinent to the moment.

December 14th – Several BRW members helped place wreaths at Ft Logan National Cemetery as part of Wreaths Across America.

December 17th – BRW’s Christmas lunch was held at Lake Valley Golf Club. Beverlee White won the RED WAGON fundraiser. The contents of the wagon were donated by BRW members. New BRW Officers were installed by Theresa Watson. President – Jane Meagher, 1st V.P. - Linda Erdmann, 2nd V.P. – Marsha Graham, Treasurer – Marty Neilson, Secretary – Elisabeth Nelson.

January 21st – BRW’s luncheon speaker at the Boulder Cork was Laura Carno, a political media strategist. She spoke on the Burden of Protection and Being Careful. She founded FASTER, I Am Created Equal, Spring Taxpayers.com, is a prolific author.

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